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11. (U) Sensitive but unclassified; please handle accordingly.

12. (SBU) Following FM Kolinda Grabar-Kitarovic's visit to Afghanistan in April, the MFA has established a small committee to consider the ramifications of establishing a permanent diplomatic presence in Kabul, MFA Assistant Minister for Multilateral Affairs Pjer Simunovic told DCM June 9. This is an important issue for the country given that it is about to triple its military presence in Afghanistan, he added. FRANK